

All Saints'
Memorial Church
674 Westminster St., Providence RI

E-Messenger, March 3, 2022

*Come and worship
Rejoice in fellowship
Love and serve the Lord!*

All Saints' "Healing of Creation" Garden

Dear All Saints' Family,

When our church grounds were landscaped, the prevailing practice was to plant shrubs and plants that were hardy or pretty, regardless of their value to anything but humans and regardless of their country or region of origin. In recent years, we have learned that these plants are a virtual desert for insects and birds that rely on native plants for food, reproduction, and shelter. These are the very creatures that are essential for the health of our world.



Recently, a group of us met to share ideas about how to improve the visual appeal and hospitality of our church grounds. Our vision is to create an urban oasis that is inviting and healing to all, and that creates opportunities for reflection and inspiration. Thus far, we have agreed on a few key priorities: replace non-native plantings with native plants; choose plants that will provide food and habitat for wildlife; and introduce native plants will thrive in our environment. In so doing, we will also strive to create a landscape that is low maintenance and

conserves water. We, of course, want input into the design and will need help with actually making it all happen. If this stirs your creativity, desire to heal our stressed world, and love of all of Creation, we invite you to join us.





We will be meeting in our parking lot on Saturday, March 5th at 10:30 am with Steve Ricci from Ground Work Rhode Island to get some expert advice on design and implementation. Come learn with us!

*Yours in Christ,
Deirdre and Becky*

A warm welcome to our supply priest Rev. Michael Pearson. He will be presiding for eucharist this Sunday once again.

All Saints' latest mask policy:

-Masks in the church are not required for those who are fully vaccinated.

We want to encourage anyone who wishes to wear a mask to do so.

You may prefer to continue wearing a mask in the church for many reasons.

-Masks are still required for everyone downstairs including on the stairs, in the elevator, in Rose Hall, the offices, the choir room, and the rest rooms.

-In early March we will review Covid data once again. As long as cases and indicators are stable or trending downward, we plan to lift the mask requirement in Rose Hall on March 9th, at which time Wednesday choir practice in the Choir room may resume along with Coffee Hour.

All are invited and warmly welcomed to our Service of Holy Eucharist Sunday, March 6th at 9:30 am

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Password: 674674

Service	Program	Link:
		http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_lent_i_march_6_2022.pdf

Our Services are also live streamed through our Facebook page.

From the Rector:

Thank you so very much for your prayers, calls, texts, cards. Your caring words were immensely uplifting during that rough post-surgery week. I am certain that your healing prayers are helping speed recovery.



Yesterday I reached out to Father Borislav Kroner at St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Woonsocket. We talked for about a half an hour about the crushing situation that continues to unfold. I let him know that we are praying for peace in Ukraine.

“People of faith, watching and feeling the political tectonic plates of our world shift and collide. How do we stand? Where is our sure footing? What are we called to do? Pray my friends...

Pray in a way you never have before. Pray with the passion and responsibility of the people who are being called to heal.” (Michigan Bishop Bonnie Perry)

May the peace of Christ be with you as we enter into a holy and healing Lent.

Julie



Notes from the Music Program

In recognition of Woman Composer Sunday, the prelude is “Adoration” by Florence Price, an African American composer, pianist, and organist. Ms. Price was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, graduated at the top of her class at the New England Conservatory of Music in 1905, and spent her professional career in Chicago, composing over 300 symphonies, choral works, and pieces for solo instruments and ensembles.

The offertory is “None Other Lamb”, whose text is by English poet Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). A well-known poet of great faith, this poem reflects her faith struggles as she confronted her own failing health and grief at the death of her beloved mother and brother. Perhaps more familiar to us are her texts to two of our Christmas carols: “Love Came Down at Christmas” (#84) and “In the Bleak Mid-Winter” (#112).



You are invited to attend:



Morehouse College Glee Club Concert

Director: Dr. David Morrow

March 9, 2022

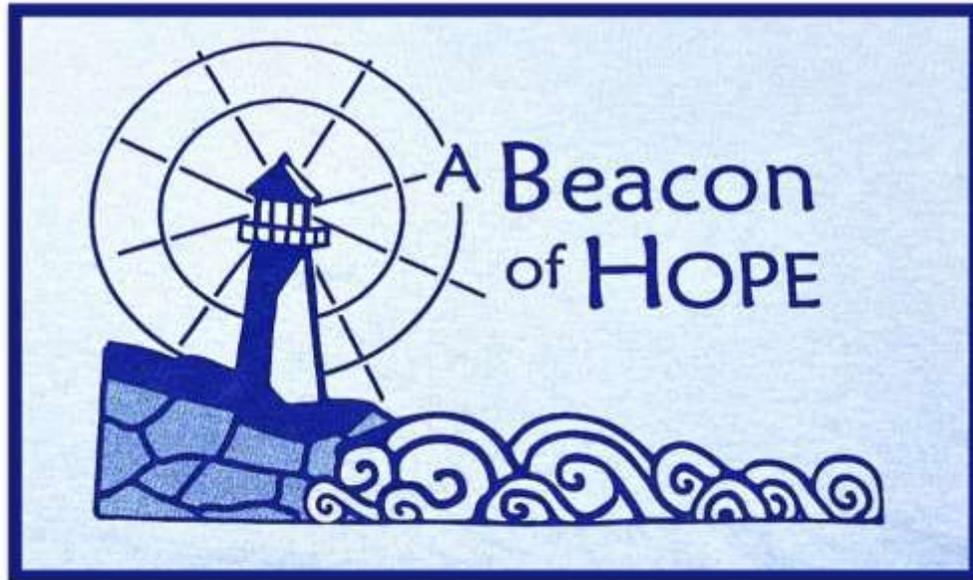
7:00 PM (Doors Open at 6:00PM)

The First Unitarian Church, 1 Benevolent Street, Providence, RI 02906

Protocol: Audience is expected to be vaccinated and to be masked.

Questions: Dr. Christopher D. Hunter, Morehouse College Alumnus (cdhunter06@gmail.com or 401.218.5870).

Free-Will Offering



Outreach News

The next Outreach meeting is Sunday, March 20th in the church following the 9:30 am Service. You may join in-person or Zoom. If you wish to participate via Zoom, simply remain on Zoom after the Service.



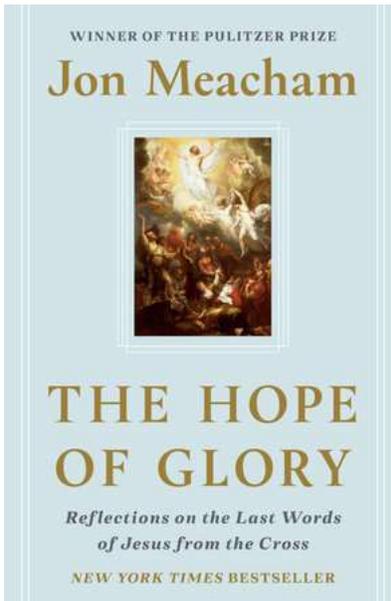
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All Saints' Snow Policy

If the city of Providence declares a parking ban or the State of RI declares a weather emergency urging people to stay off the roads, our 9:30 a.m. Sunday service will be canceled.

We will post a cancellation notification on our website and our Facebook page.

Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquiries



Our Wednesday Bible Study is on pause until March when we will begin a Lenten Book, *The Hope of Glory* by Jon Meacham. Linda still has a few copies in the office if you'd like one.

In the meantime, we have decided on name change for the Bible Study. As you can see from the above book, our focus is not exclusively the Bible although we will spend a lot of time with scripture.

We decided that "Faith Inquirers" is most expressive of us as we delve more deeply into Holy Scripture and take up other readings. We see our weekly reading and discussions as a shared inquiry and exploration of our faith as we seek to deepen our relationship with God, in Christ, and with

one another. We invite you to join us on Wednesdays at noon. You may wish to participate in-person or via Zoom. We resume weekly discussions on Wednesday, March 23.



Food Collection

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food. Thank you for your generosity!

- March: Tuna
- April: Canned Fruit

Upcoming Events

March 5: "Healing of Creation" Garden in parking lot at 10:30

March 6: Sunday school resumes for lent in Rose Hall with Ms. Jill

March 9: Morehouse College Glee Club Concert, The First Unitarian Church, 1 Benevolent St, Providence.

February 18 through March 18:

While Rev. Julie is on medical leave, we have engaged supply clergy for those weeks including clergy available for emergency pastoral care.

If an emergency pastoral need arises while Rev. Julie is on medical leave, please call or text our Senior Warden Musa Goll (401-265-4866) or Junior Warden Chip Smith (401-556-0036). Musa or Chip will connect you with the clergy person on call. You may also call our parish administrator Linda Moss (401-751-1747) during office hours (Tuesday-Friday, 9am-12pm).

April 12: Diocesan Chrism Mass - more info to follow

PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Marisa, Susan, Pam, Gloria and Rev Julie. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Mary Tryforos, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, and Lusaynie.Sirleaf.

We pray for Michael Tonry who died this week. May he rest in God's eternal peace.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Glenna Wilson and Barbara Badio.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 6, 2022

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Nnenna Amaechina

Response: Psalm 91:1-2,9-16 Nnenna Amaechina

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13 Chimmie Amaechina

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 Rev. Michael Pearson

Prayers: Ed Boyer

March 13, 2022

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Lyndsey Wells

Response: Psalm 27 Lyndsey Wells

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Bob Wells

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35 Rev. Linda Griggs

Prayers: Becky Silliman

Publishing information:

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, March 10th. Please submit any articles or info you may have to

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